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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner:

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

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Applicant:

Although clearly supported by the specification, without disclaimer of any kind concerning their merits as originally filed, claims 1-6 that include features cited by the Examiner as not shown in the claims have been cancelled and are no longer in need of consideration. As a result, the Applicant believes that the drawings as filed are now in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.83(a) and respectfully requests reconsideration of this objection.

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Examiner:

Claims 1-6 are rejected [under] 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

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Applicant:

As previously stated, claims 1-6 have been cancelled without disclaimer of any kind concerning their merits as originally filed and are no longer in need of consideration. As a result, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application under the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejection.

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Examiner:

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

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Adair et al. (6,424,369) in view of Narayanaswami (6,657,654).

Applicant:

As previously stated, claims 1-6 have been cancelled without disclaimer of any kind concerning their merits as originally filed and are no longer in need of consideration. As a result, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application under the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection.

10 Introduction of New Claims

15 Please accept for consideration and allowance new claims 7-20 as listed in the Amendments to the Claims section of this response. All new claims more distinctly point out and distinctly claim structural differences between the present application and all known prior art, including but not limited to Adair et al. and Narayanaswami. No new material has been introduced.

New independent claim 7 more specifically defines the structure of the claimed socket and locking device and is supported at least by Figs.2-3 and Paragraph [0016]. Neither Adair et al. nor Narayanaswami teach, suggest, or make obvious the claimed structure. Support for dependent claims 8-10 is also found at least in Figs.2-3 and Paragraph [0016]. Dependent claims 11-15 are supported at least by Figs.2-3 and Paragraphs [0018] and [0019].

25 New independent claim 16 also more specifically defines the structure of the claimed socket and locking device, as well as a connected peripheral module. Claim 16 is supported at least by Figs.2-3 and Paragraph [0016]. Again, neither

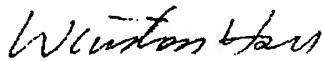
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Adair et al. nor Narayanaswami teach, suggest, or make obvious the claimed structure.
Dependent claims 17-20 are supported at least by Figs.2-3 and Paragraphs [0018]
and [0019].

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Sincerely yours,

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